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PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN NCERT CURRICULUM
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether NCERT has constituted a committee to look into the health, physical education and yoga aspects afresh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether health, physical education and yoga would also be assessed through marks in the exams;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether it is also proposed to introduce a graded sequential physical education curriculum in the schools in the ensuing academic year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT(SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)&(b) While reviewing the National Curriculum Framework (NCF) in 2004, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) had constituted 21 National Focus Groups (NFG), one of which was on Health and Physical Education.However,NCERT has not constituted any committee thereafter to look into the Health and Physical Education afresh.

(c)&(d) NCF-2005, does not recommend assessment of Health and Physical Education through marks.

(e)&(f) NCF-2005 recommends that Health and Physical Education must continue to be a compulsory subject from the primary to the secondary stages and as an optional subject at higher secondary stage.